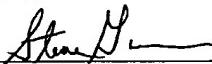
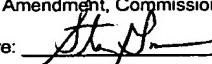




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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 4, 2002, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

D 22. (AMENDED) The method of claim 16, wherein the wire is fed into a guide bar when the guide bar is in a closed position.

CZ 24. (AMENDED) The method of claim 16, further comprising, after the step of forming a knot, cutting the wire and drawing the wire back to a predetermined position.